HUD’s Office of Native American Programs (ONAP) administers housing and community development programs that benefit American Indian and Alaska Native Tribal governments, Tribal members, the Department of Hawaiian Home Lands, Native Hawaiians, and other Native American organizations.

The Eastern Woodlands Office (EWONAP) serves 66 Tribes within 16 states and 6 HUD regions. EWONAP administers over $90 million in IHBG funds, over $60 million in Section 184 Native American Home Mortgages, and approximately $5 million in ICDBG funds in its region annually.

For more information about ONAP funding and programs, visit the CodeTalk website.

Join the EWONAP Bulletin Listserv to receive the HUD Eastern Woodlands ONAP Information Bulletins with news and events related to Indian Country, HUD ONAP, Eastern Woodlands Regional Tribes, Funding Opportunities, and Training Opportunities. Click here to join. Please share with others who may be interested in the EWONAP Bulletin.

Greetings from the Administrator – Mark Butterfield

November is a holiday month where we celebrate our veterans and give Thanks for the Creator’s bounty. The Office of Native American Program wishes to join our TDHE’s in celebrating and thanking our American Indian/Alaska Native veterans for their sacrifice and service to the United States. I always enjoyed the stories our Veterans would tell, whether it was of serving in the cold and bitter ever changing weather in the Aleutians in WWII to patrolling in the
jungles of Vietnam crawling into Vietnamese tunnels and not knowing if they would come out alive, to our more recent veterans who have served in Somalia, Iraq or Afghanistan. Each veteran served whether in actual combat or supporting those who did. In most all tribal societies it is considered a great honor to be a warrior defending ones people.

**VASH for Veterans!:** This year ONAP is especially pleased to be able to actually put dollars with those words by unveiling its new VASH program for homeless and near homeless veterans on or near their tribal lands. Previously HUD has cooperated with the VA to provide VASH [Veterans Supportive Housing Services] in our major cities near VA centers. While this is still the case, it left many of our Tribal veterans without access to this benefit because they live near their own people in largely rural areas. Now HUD will begin remediying that oversight. For the first time HUD is providing the same service to our American Indian/Alaska Native veterans who live on or near their own tribes. This program, which is for the present a pilot program, is designed to assist homeless or near homeless veterans to find a place where they will have the stability necessary to rebuild their lives. The successful applicant Tribe or TDHE will assist with housing the Tribal vet and the VA will be hiring case managers to provide supportive services to the Vet. These services can be from physical injury, to AODA issues, to assistance with PTSD, or other injuries such as traumatic brain injuries sustained while in the service. This program was just announced in the Federal Register on October 22, 2015 and so is a timely reminder that we should serve those who have served us. If you are interested in this program the link to the federal register notice is: [https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/10/21/2015-26748/implementation-of-the-tribal-hud-va-supportive-housing-program](https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2015/10/21/2015-26748/implementation-of-the-tribal-hud-va-supportive-housing-program)

**November is also synonymous with Thanksgiving:** Thanksgiving Day celebrated on November 26th this year, is a direct outgrowth of American Indian traditions brought to the Pilgrims by the Pokanoket whose chief sachem was Massasoit. So closely tied is this holiday with the culture of American Indians, “wâkšįk” that nearly all the main dishes traditionally served in an American Thanksgiving are items originating from North America: Turkey, Corn, Squash, Beans, Pumpkin pie, cranberries to name some stables. Today, several Tribes and TDHE’s are using some of their NAHASDA allocations to reestablish organic gardens where many of these traditional foods, low in sugars, can be reintroduced into our diet helping combat the dangers of diabetes all too prevalent among Native peoples. However, no one says you have to forget having something made from other Native American plants. Have some chocolate, yams, sweet potatoes, tomatoes, wild rice, or hot cocoa. All were also gifts from the American Indian to the rest of the world. Perhaps this is one reason November was chosen as Native American Heritage month. Spread the word about American Indian contributions to the world’s diet.

**ICDBG NOFA:** The ICDBG regular NOFA application date was on October 23 and all applications are in. Once again it will be a competitive year with some 27 applications. We are just now receiving copies and our GM staff, led by Elton Jones, will be rating and ranking these applications. Contracts are expected to go out by early January so it looks like it will be a busy holiday season for out GM staff here in Eastern Woodlands.

Best Regards, **Mark Butterfield**

*Greetings from the Administrator – Mark Butterfield.*

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**Generation Indigenous**

President Barrack Obama has put more focus on issues affecting American Indian and Alaska Native youth. He launched *Generation Indigenous* and drew more than 1,000 young tribal members to Washington, D.C., for the historic White House Tribal Youth Gathering in July.

The goal of Generation Indigenous is "to make sure the voices of Native American young people are heard in our policies on education, on jobs, on the environment, housing and juvenile justice,"

For more information go to [http://genindigenous.com/](http://genindigenous.com/)
WASHINGTON, DC – On Thursday, November 5, President Obama hosted the 2015 White House Tribal Nations Conference in Washington, DC. The conference provided leaders from the 567 federally recognized tribes the opportunity to interact directly with high-level federal government officials and members of the White House Council on Native American Affairs. Federally recognized tribe’s were invited to send one representative to the conference. The event was the seventh White House Tribal Nations Conference for the Obama Administration, and continues to build upon the President’s commitment to strengthen the government-to-government relationship with Indian Country and to improve the lives of American Indians and Alaska Natives, with an emphasis on increasing opportunity for Native youth. Additional details about the conference will be released at a later date.

Last year's White House Tribal Nations Conference brought about some key initiatives for Indian Country. Just days after Vice President Joe Biden called for the inclusion of Alaska in the Violence Against Women Act, Congress took action and now tribes in the state can exercise jurisdiction over non-Indian offenders just like their counterparts in the lower 48.

President Obama also launched Generation Indigenous, a government-wide initiative aimed at improving the lives of American Indian and Alaska Native youth. The effort led to the historic White House Tribal Youth Gathering in July 2015. Native youth will once again be a focus at this year’s event.
HUD AND VA LAUNCH NEW DEMONSTRATION TO PROVIDE PERMANENT HOMES FOR NATIVE AMERICAN VETERANS EXPERIENCING HOMELESSNESS

Tribal HUD-VASH to assist 600 Native American Veterans

WASHINGTON – For the first time ever, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) are launching a demonstration program to offer a permanent home and supportive services to Native American Veterans who are experiencing or at risk of experiencing homelessness. The Tribal HUD-Veterans Affairs Supportive Housing (Tribal HUD-VASH) Program will combine $4 million in rental assistance from HUD with case management and clinical services provided by VA to serve approximately 600 Native American Veterans.

HUD Secretary Julián Castro announced this new demonstration program during a speech to the 72nd Annual Convention of the National Congress of American Indians in San Diego.

“Today, we open a new door of opportunity for our Native American Veterans who have worn our nation’s uniform but who need our help,” said Castro. “The evidence is clear that by offering permanent housing solutions, combined with needed services and case management, we can end homelessness.”

HUD is inviting 30 eligible tribes to seek Tribal HUD-VASH vouchers to help house and serve an estimated 600 Native American Veterans who are currently experiencing homelessness or at extreme risk of becoming homeless.

Since 2008, more than 79,000 vouchers have been awarded and approximately 90,000 homeless Veterans have been served through the broader HUD-VASH program. Rental assistance and supportive services provided through HUD-VASH are a critical resource for local communities in ending homelessness among our nation’s Veterans. This year, Congress authorized funding for a demonstration program in order to expand the HUD-VASH program into Indian Country and directed HUD to coordinate with Indian tribes, tribally designated housing entities (TDHEs), and other appropriate tribal organizations on the design of this program, and to ensure the effective delivery of housing assistance and supportive services to eligible Native American Veterans.

New Contact for EWONAP Bulletin!

Send your press releases, events & news, and project photos to Administrator Mark Butterfield at Mark.Butterfield@hud.gov

Help us illustrate the value of NAHASDA and the need for it in Indian Country.
H.R. 3764: Tribal Recognition Act of 2015

On October 21, 2015, House Committee on Natural Resources Chairman Rob Bishop (R-UT) introduced H.R. 3764, the Tribal Recognition Act of 2015 and issued the following statement.

“The tribal recognition process has been a mess for decades. The authority to recognize tribes is one that belongs to Congress, not the executive branch. However, as far back as the Carter Administration, the executive branch has muddied the process and this Administration has made the problem worse.”

“The Tribal Recognition Act of 2015 is historic legislation that solves a systematic problem caused by unelected bureaucrats inventing new procedures and standards for tribal recognition. H.R. 3764 brings legitimacy and transparency back to the process. Most importantly, the legislation reasserts the critical role that Congress is tasked with under the Constitution in this important and historic realm of public policy.”

The Tribal Recognition Act of 2015 restores Congress as making the sole determination on whether to extend recognition to a group as an Indian tribe, and updates the current lengthy and inconsistent recognition process for the 21st century. The Department of the Interior (DOI) would play a supporting role in analyzing documents submitted by petitioners for tribal recognition.

Under the legislation, the DOI’s controversial recognition rules, also known as Part 83, would have no force and effect. Tribes lawfully recognized before the date of enactment of the bill would be unaffected.

This bill HR. 3764 was assigned to a congressional committee on October 20, 2015, which will consider it before possibly sending it on to the House or Senate as a whole. A bill must be passed by both the House and Senate in identical form and then be signed by the President to become law.
The Honorable Vice President Joe Biden and Dr. Jill Biden Honored Five Native Artists

Vice President Joe Biden and his wife, Dr. Jill Biden, honored five Native American and Alaskan Native artists at a reception at their home in Washington DC. In addition to honoring the artists, the Biden’s displayed a framed print from each of the artists on the walls of their foyer and living room.

The reception was in honor of artists Tony Abeyta (Navajo), Crystal Worl (Tlingit Athabascan), Jeff Kahm (Plains Cree), Courtney Leonard (Shinnecock Nation) and Dan Namingha (Tewa-Hopi) as well as a celebration of a collaboration between the U.S. Department of State’s Office of Art in Embassies (AIE) and the Institute of American Indian Arts (IAIA).

The Vice President expressed his appreciation for the artwork created by the artists and the importance of tribal relations to the Obama administration. "Barack and I have tried very hard to strengthen the nation’s through tribal sovereignty," said Biden. Biden also mentioned his efforts to bring awareness to the importance of climate change to Indian Nations, the importance of the Affordable Care Act and of the Violence Against Women Act.

Biden then thanked the largely Native audience for the "very richness of Native American culture. Thanks for enriching our lives."

Shinnecock Nation Member Honored for her Art Work

Courtney Leonard a member of the Shinnecock Nation of Long Island, New York, Courtney Leonard’s artwork explores the evolution of language, image, and culture through mixed media pieces of video, audio, and tangible objects. Her current work embodies the multiple definitions of Breach, an exploration and documentation of historical ties to water, whale, and material sustainability.
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<td>This professional certificate program, brought to you by NAFOA and Arizona State University's American Indian Policy Institute, provides financial management professionals with an in-depth background in tribal government finance, Indian law, taxation, and economic development. Attendees can earn up to 20 CPE credits. Learn more at <a href="https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1745709">https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1745709</a></td>
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<td>Tribal Financial Manager Certificate Program</td>
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<td>Construction &amp; Contract Administration</td>
<td>Nov. 4-5 Sacramento, CA</td>
<td>This FREE interactive workshop addresses the environmental review requirements of 24 CFR Part 58 as they apply to HUD-funded housing rehabilitation activities. Participants will learn about the specific requirements that apply to housing rehabilitation, including NEPA and the other related laws and authorities, and how to evaluate and address them in the environmental review record, from project planning through HUD approval and release of funding. Register at: <a href="https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1758230">https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1758230</a>. Full agenda.</td>
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<td>ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW FOR HOUSING REHABILITATION (HUD/ONAP)</td>
<td>Nov. 17-18 Bow, WA</td>
<td>FREE training for staff &amp; others responsible for tribal housing occupancy, income eligibility and unit maintenance. This 4-day interactive course is designed to enhance the job performance of Occupancy and Maintenance staff &amp; other tribal housing professionals working on Occupancy and Maintenance issues. Course will cover Occupancy program management including the application and selection process, eligibility for housing assistance, calculating annual income, determining monthly rental or homeownership payments, occupancy standards, collections practices and compliance, effective communication techniques with residents, lease agreement compliance, and collections. Participants should refer to copies of their own Admissions &amp; Occupancy policies to practice applying them to case studies and role playing exercises presented during this course. For more info. and to register, visit <a href="https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1754932">https://www.regonline.com/builder/site/?eventid=1754932</a>.</td>
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<td>If you’ve ever left a NAHASDA training saying, “Wait! I’ve got more questions!”—this training takes NAHASDA Essentials to the next level. NAHASDA Intermediate will boost your housing management and development skills as you dig deeper into the intricacies of NAHASDA. Key Intermediate NAHASDA skills you will learn include program policy development, enhanced recordkeeping, examining development options, monitoring, tracking and analyzing program data, and design. Through case studies, exercises, and best practices, Participants will be able to take housing management and development to the next level. <a href="http://newregistration.firstpic.org/onapEssentials/index.php">http://newregistration.firstpic.org/onapEssentials/index.php</a></td>
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<td>HUI's Office of Native American Programs offers this FREE popular workshop, to provide a refresher for Housing Directors and others involved in administering Indian Housing Block Grants and providing affordable housing and related programs and services. For more info., visit <a href="http://naihc.net/december-2-3-phoenix-az-executive-director-refresher-workshops/">http://naihc.net/december-2-3-phoenix-az-executive-director-refresher-workshops/</a>.</td>
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<td>HLID’s Office of Native American Programs partners with Native Learning Center to host this FREE Section 184 Training for Affordable Tribal Housing. Click here to register accommodations: <a href="http://nativelearningcenter.com/onsite-trainings/section-184-training-for-affordable-tribal-housing-2/">http://nativelearningcenter.com/onsite-trainings/section-184-training-for-affordable-tribal-housing-2/</a></td>
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<td><strong>NEW</strong> NAIHC’s Legal Symposium</td>
<td>December 7-9 Las Vegas, NV</td>
<td>This is the premier learning event for housing and legal professionals from across the country working to address the availability and access to affordable housing for Native American families. Bringing together legal practitioners, housing organizations, tribal housing authorities, law students, legal academics and other tribal leaders – Join more than 500 of your industry peers and foremost experts in Indian housing law and regulations. Explore ideas, experiences, share insights and address emerging issues whether you are a seasoned legal practitioner or just beginning your professional path working in housing this is the event to attend. <a href="http://naihc.net/legal">http://naihc.net/legal</a></td>
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| More FREE Trainings (HUD/ONAP)        | Jan. – March 2016          | January 12-14, 2016 Phoenix, AZ | Grant Writing-ICDBG  
February 9-12, 2016 Albuquerque, NM | Pathways  
February 17-18, 2016 Phoenix, AZ | Board of Commissioners Roles & Responsibilities  
March 15-16, 2016 Reno, NV | Executive Director Refresher Workshop |
| Whatever You’d Like When You’d Like It | FREE Technical Assistance is available to you through EWONAP!  
• New Executive Director Training  
• Self-Monitoring.  
• Board of Commissioners Training  
• Financial Management  
• Accounting for Grants Management  
• Construction Management  
• Development Project Planning and Management  
• Policies and Procedures Update Workshop  
Contact Mary White at [Mary.White@hud.gov](mailto:Mary.White@hud.gov) or 312.913.8762 |

For information about NAIHC’s Leadership Institute Training, [click here](#).

For information about NAIHC’s HUD ONAP Trainings, [click here](#).

For information about FirstPic’s HUD ONAP Training, [click here](#).

For information on the Native Learning Center’s Trainings, [click here](#).

For information on the Native Learning Center’s other Resources, [click here](#).
REGIONAL TRIBAL ORGANIZATION MEETINGS

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Guides, Resources, and Tools

**EPA's ENERGY STAR Portfolio Manager®** is the industry-leading, no-cost online tool that lets you benchmark, track, and manage energy and water consumption and greenhouse gas emissions against national averages. For more info, [click here](#).

**DOE Developing and Financing Renewable Energy Projects in Indian Country**: This insightful and widely applicable presentation by Robert Springer of NREL concisely explains project development framework and development common pitfalls. To view, [click here](#).

**National Training and Education Resource**: Free, online resource for courses on a wide array of subjects from computer skills to development financing. To create a log-in, [click here](#).

**IRS's Indian Tribal Governments** office is offering the *Tribal Bonds Financing: The Basics* phone forum recording. The 40-minute presentation covers Tribal bonds fundamentals, the benefits of Tribal Economic Development Bonds, and clean renewable energy bonds. You can also submit questions about the phone forum contents. **ONGOING**

**EPA's Lead Renovation, Repair and Painting Rule** requires that firms performing renovation, repair, and painting projects that disturb lead-based paint in homes, child care facilities and pre-schools built before 1978 have their firm certified by EPA, use certified renovators who are trained by EPA-approved training providers, and follow lead-safe work practices. Learn more [here](#).
Free Online Permaculture Design Course: The Regenerative Leadership Institute offers a 72+ hour permaculture design online course curriculum. Permaculture is a branch of ecological design, ecological engineering, environmental design, construction and integrated water resources management that develops sustainable architecture, regenerative and self-maintained habitat and agricultural systems modeled from natural ecosystems. Their goal is to take permaculture mainstream, which requires making the knowledge available to people around the world without barriers. For more information and to register, click here. ONGOING

New Guide: Advanced Energy Retrofits for Healthcare Facilities: The healthcare sector, including hospitals and outpatient centers, is one of the most energy-intensive market segments. U.S. healthcare facilities spend $8.8 billion annually on energy. Retro-commissioning and retrofit measures offer significant opportunities for energy savings. To download the guide, click here.

On the Road to Reuse: Residential Demolition Bid Specification Development Tool: The US EPA has completed its report on residential demolition practices that would be instructive to communities on best practices related to residential demolitions. This report identifies environmentally sensitive activities of residential demolition from pre-planning to site rehabilitation. Download the tool here.

HUD’s Office of Environment and Energy offers its Environmental Review Resource Pages on the OneCPD Resource Exchange: From the Environmental Review resource pages grantees can browse guidance, tools, and webinars on complying with environmental laws and authorities when conducting the environmental review, on disaster recovery, environmental impact statements, and upcoming environmental trainings and training materials.

EPA Issues Moisture Control Guidance for Building Design, Construction and Maintenance: This guide can be used by anyone who designs, builds, operates or maintains buildings and heating, ventilating and air conditioning (HVAC) equipment. It was developed specifically for professionals who design buildings and produce drawings, specifications and contracts for construction or renovation; professionals who erect buildings from the construction documents; and professionals who operate and maintain buildings, conducting preventive maintenance, inspecting the landscape, building interior and exterior equipment and finishes and performing maintenance and repairs. To view the guide, click here.

HUDUSER’s New Consumer’s Guide to Energy-Efficient and Healthy Homes: The Guide is a new section of HUD’s Office of Policy Development and Research’s website that provides concise descriptions in an easy-to-navigate format. For the full guide, click here.

FindYouthInfo.gov helps you create, maintain, and strengthen effective youth programs. Included are youth facts, funding information, and tools to help you assess community assets, generate maps of local and federal resources, search for evidence-based youth programs, and keep up-to-date on the latest, youth-related news. To learn more, click here.
**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES AND RESOURCES**

The [Grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov) website lists Open Grant Opportunities for which Federally Recognized Indian Tribal Governments and/or Native American Tribal organizations are eligible to apply.

For the complete list, visit [http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html](http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html) and filter under Eligibility.

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<td>Eligible entities: Indian tribes (including Alaska Native regional and village corporations, tribal consortia, and organizations) and tribal energy resource development organizations. Up to $6 million in funding is available for approx. 6-10 new awards to accelerate clean energy development on tribal lands. Through this funding opportunity announcement (FOA), the U.S. Dept. of Energy (DOE) Office of Indian Energy will help Indian tribes and tribal resource development organizations to install: Facility-scale clean energy and energy efficiency projects and Community-scale clean energy projects on Indian lands. For more information, see the <a href="http://www.grants.gov">full FOA</a>. Informational Webinar: The DOE Office of Indian Energy’s webinar provides info. for potential applicants and describes the FOA in detail, incl. who is eligible to apply, application needs to include, cost share &amp; other requirements, and how applications will be selected for funding. Webinar is posted for viewing.</td>
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<td>Emergency Community Water Assistance Grants (USDA-RD)</td>
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<td>Program helps eligible rural communities recover from or prepare for emergencies that result in a decline in capacity to provide safe, reliable drinking water for households and businesses. Federally recognized Tribal lands are also eligible. Privately owned wells are not eligible. • Up to $150K for repairs to breaks/leaks in existing water distribution lines, &amp; related maintenance. • Up to $500K for construction of a new water source, intake and/or treatment facility or waterline extensions. For more info, <a href="http://www.grants.gov">click here</a>.</td>
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**EWONAP CELEBRATES NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH WITH A LUNCHEON**

What started at the turn of the century as an effort to gain a day of recognition for the significant contributions the first Americans made to the establishment and growth of the U.S., has resulted in a month of celebrations.

One of the very proponents of an American Indian Day was Dr. Arthur C. Parker, a Seneca Indian, who was the director of the Museum of Arts and Science in Rochester, N.Y. He persuaded the Boy Scouts of America to set aside a day for the "First Americans" and for three years they adopted such a day. In 1915, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association meeting in Lawrence, Kans., formally approved a plan concerning American Indian Day. It directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to observe such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation on Sept. 28, 1915, which declared the second Saturday of each May an American Indian Day and contained the first formal appeal for recognition of Indians as citizens.
Continued:

The year before this proclamation was issued, Red Fox James, a Blackfoot Indian, rode horseback from state to state seeking approval for a day to honor Indians. On December 14, 1915, he presented the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House. There is no record, however, of such a national day being proclaimed.

The first American Indian Day in a state was declared on the second Saturday in May 1916 by the governor of New York. Several states celebrate the fourth Friday in September. In Illinois, for example, legislators enacted such a day in 1919. Presently, several states have designated Columbus Day as Native American Day, but it continues to be a day observe without any recognition as a national legal holiday.

In 1990 President George H. W. Bush approved a joint resolution designating November 1990 "National American Indian Heritage Month." Similar proclamations, under variants on the name (including "Native American Heritage Month" and "National American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month") have been issued each year since 1994.

Please Join EWONAP in the month of Celebration.

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| Indian Loan Guaranty, Insurance, and Interest Subsidy Program (DOI) | Open | This program assists in obtaining financing from private sources to promote business development initiatives that contribute to the economy of the reservation or service area. Qualifications for this program:
An individually enrolled member of a Federally recognized American Indian tribe or Alaska Native group, Corporation with no less than 51% ownership by Federally recognized American Indians or Alaska Natives
A Federally recognized American Indian Tribe or Alaska Native group.
For more information, call 202-219-0740 or visit [http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm](http://www.bia.gov/WhoWeAre/AS-IA/IEED/DCI/index.htm). |
| Section 504 USDA Single Family Housing Repair Grants & Loans | Open | USDA Section 504 Grants and Loans may be used to repair, improve or modernize homes or remove health and safety hazards. Grants up to $7,500 for Elders, 62 and older. Loans up to $20,000. Must meet eligibility criteria. |
The Section 184 Indian Home Loan Guarantee Program is a home mortgage specifically designed for American Indian and Alaska Native families, Alaska Villages, Tribes, or Tribally Designated Housing Entities. Section 184 loans can be used both on and off native lands for new construction, rehab, the purchase of an existing home, or for refinancing.

Section 184 is synonymous with home ownership in Indian Country. As of September 2015, the Section 184 program has guaranteed over 30,000 loans, almost $4.9 billion dollars in guaranteed funds.

Within the Eastern Woodlands region, over 3,250 loans have been made bringing $525 million in private capital directly to Tribal Members. Tribes and TDHEs can also use Section 184 loans to achieve their housing development goals. Some benefits include:

- Low residential mortgage interest rates
- Lower monthly fees than standard PMI
- One time loan guarantee fee (1.5%)
- May utilize up to 15% of loan funds for site infrastructure costs
- Low down payment
- No household income restrictions
- Buy, Rehab, Refi or Build
- Finance up to 20 units at a time.

For a list of Approved 184 Lenders, click here. For a map of eligible states and counties, click here.

If you are interested in becoming an approved 184 lender, contact Michael.T.Thorpe@hud.gov.

HUD ONAP Title VI Loan Guarantee Program. Title VI loans enable Indian Housing Block Grant recipients to leverage up to 5 times their IHBG ‘Need’ funding to finance affordable housing development by pledging future IHBG grant funds as security for repayment of the loan. A private lender provides the financing and HUD provides the guarantee to the lender. To visit the Title VI website, click here.

For more information on the Section 184 or Title VI Program, contact David Thomas, at David.C.Thomas@hud.gov or 312.913.8774.

Here are some examples of how regional Tribes have utilized Title VI:

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